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## Dear Neighbors,

Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month, and this year is no exception. While there is a lot to be proud of, it is hard not to reflect on how the challenges of 2020 ranging from the coronavirus pandemic, removal of confederate monuments, and civil unrest impacted our nation and our community. While we remained optimistic, the event on January 6, 2021 will forever be in our minds.

Finding common ground can often be difficult, but it allows everyone to focus on the issues at hand. From politics to policies, we have been divided; however, we can all agree as the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "There can be no justice without peace, and there can be no peace without justice." Unlike in the past, we are in the unique position because people are talking which allows us to truly address social equity, unemployment, crime, as well as healthcare and other issues in our community.

So, during this month of celebration, I encourage you to reflect, reconnect and refocus. Great things are underway, starting with Black Lives Matter Movement and Stacy Abrams both being nominated for the Nobel peace prize. Also, for the first time in history, the United States elected a female and person of color as Vice President, giving us even more reason to celebrate.

While I have reflected a lot on the national landscape, in our Ward and throughout the City, we have several individuals who have and continue to make a difference in our community. I'd like to recognize a few Black History Makers in our community:

- Dr. Thomas L. Walker
- Coach Michael Wright
- Lois Watkins
- Attorney Angela R. Bryant

There are so many more! It was hard to choose! So, as we continue to celebrate Black History Month, please take the time to recognize that we are in this journey together.





## **CALENDAR**

Monday, Feb. 22 / 4 p.m. City Council Meeting

Meetings are held in the George W. Dudley City Council Chamber, third floor Frederick E. Turnage Municipal Building

> Ward 4 Zoom Meeting 7:00 p.m. February 21, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/ 9227908773

Meeting ID: 922 790 8773#

To join by phone: 301-715-859-2922



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